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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 38 through 43 and 46 through 47 remain in this application. Claims 1 through 37 and 44 through 45 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 48 through 65 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

Claim 17 has been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claim 17 has been cancelled, and therefore the objection to claim 17 is submitted to be moot.

Paragraphs 4 through 8 of the Office Action

Claims 38 through 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Harris.

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jurrens in view of Valdespino.

Claims 4 and 8 through 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jurrens in view of Harris.

Claim 38 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 45, which was indicated as being allowable over the prior art, and therefore claim 38 is submitted to be in condition for allowance, as well as the claims

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that depend from claim 38.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 38 through 43 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 9 of the Office Action

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action states that claims 45 through 47 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 38 (in its previous form) into the recitation of claim 46, and therefore claim 46 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 54 through 59, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 46, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 38 (in its previous form) into the recitation of claim 47, and therefore claim 47 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 60 through 65, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 46, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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